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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/30/00	12/23/00
BRO-FRY	124,115	155,650
LT HENS	1,318	1,329
HVY HENS	745	1,190

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
 WEEKS ENDING 23-DEC-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
LAST WEEK			
SAME WK YR AGO	U N A V A I L A B L E		
TO DATE 2000			
TO DATE 1999			
® Revised			

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
LAST WEEK			
SAME WK YR AGO	U N A V A I L A B L E		
TO DATE 2000			
TO DATE 1999			

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 23-DEC-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	148,274 (A)	1,364	1,176	2,540
AVG WT	5.14	3.96	7.09	5.41
LAST WEEK	148,530	1,900	1,202	3,102
SAME WEEK YR AGO	117,493	1,694	1,052	2,746
AVG WT	5.05	3.48	7.67	5.05
TO-DATE/2000	7,820,313	95,642	72,963	168,605
TO-DATE/1999	7,659,252	105,174	72,767	177,941

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 141.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.1 million head or 8.8 million head more than or 106 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 16, 2000**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	21,441	16,824	32,773
AVG WEIGHT	3.74	4.76	6.31
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	24%	46%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	26,937	25,366	42,883
AVG WEIGHT	3.73	4.71	6.10
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	27%	45%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	24,748	28,792	37,819
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.69	6.06
% OF TOTAL /1	27%	32%	41%
TO DATE/1998	1,622,337	1,621,461	2,022,632
TO DATE/1997	1,582,296	1,536,394	2,026,932

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-DEC-00  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,989	2,660	57	20	4,726
AVG WT	15.28	34.59	26.23	29.80	26.34
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,124	2,798	66	26	5,014
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,967 (C)		21	59	3,047
AVG WT	26.58 (C)		25.14	27.47	26.58
TO-DATE/2000	250,113 (C)		1,814	1,265	253,192
TO-DATE/1999	245,994 (C)		761	1,916	248,671

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.

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